

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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29th March 2020

Lazarus, here! Come out...

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass on p7, readings p170 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**CORONAVIRUS: ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM
THERE IS NO LONGER ANY PUBLIC WORSHIP IN CHURCHES**

SUNDAY 29th Fifth of Lent	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Patrick Kenny RIP (Anniv)
Monday 30th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Rosalind Stretton RIP
Tuesday 31st <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Sylvester Budkiewicz RIP
Wednesday 1st April <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Ann Lane RIP
Thursday 2nd <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	6.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
Friday 3rd <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass <i>followed by</i> Stations of the Cross	12 noon	Survivors of Sexual Abuse
Saturday 4th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30	Maud Maher RIP
SUNDAY 5th Palm Sunday	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Laurence Kelly RIP (Anniv)

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+ **LENT 2020** +

Prayer—Fasting—Charity

Let Lent lift your Christian life!



THIS SUNDAY

- **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: PASSION TIDE**
- **THE BISHOPS' CURRENT GUIDELINES ON THE CORONAVIRUS MEAN CHANGES TO MASS AND PARISH ROUTINES. *There can be no public Masses or any other act of worship for the time being. Please make use of the parish webcam [here](#) to watch and hear Masses and Exposition***
- **THE ANGELUS** will be recited before Mass.
- **THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY**

Today, four days after the feast of the Annunciation England will be rededicated to its ancient title of *The Dowry of Mary* at events across the country. In 1381 King Richard II first formally dedicated this land to Our Lady. This initiative of the Church comes from the Bishops and the national **Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham**. We are preparing by saying, as many parishes already do, the Angelus before every Mass. See the special web site [Behold2020.com](#)

We too shall make the **Act of Entrustment** by which we pray for our country and for the faith to blossom here once more. But the prayers are also for ourselves and for our own deepening conversion to the way of Christ exemplified in his Mother. This act of entrustment is needed now more than ever. The Act of Entrustment can be seen by clicking [here](#). The sanctuary here is displaying a copy of the *Wilton Diptych*, the late 14th century painting of Richard II of England rededicating his kingdom to Our Lady, supported by his patrons St John the Baptist, St Edmund and St Edward the Confessor.

'When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England' Pope Leo XIII

THIS WEEK:

**All events postponed until further notice
NEXT WEEKEND**

- **PALM SUNDAY: HOLY WEEK BEGINS** Mass will be live streamed at 9.00am The liturgies of Holy Week will of necessity be celebrated differently if no congregation can be present. Next Sunday's Mass will have no people to form a procession: if you have a Missal the entrance will then be the Third Form.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...
9.00 a.m. n/a
6.00 p.m. n/a

Next week...
No readers until public Mass resumes

COMING SOON PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Postponed: Please speak to Claire R for refunds

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

This is now **CANCELLED** for this year.

GIVING TO THE PARISH

Do not worry that it is impossible for you to bring your giving to church each week. **Do not worry** that your envelopes will run out soon—the new ones are ready in church for everyone's return. These are exceptional times. If you would like to pay by direct debit, there is a link to a form from the website, on the [Parish & Coronavirus](#) page. Complete it and post to the Presbytery.

BEING A COMMUNITY THAT CANNOT MEET...

It sounds so odd, but **the best way in which we may care for and protect one another at the moment really is to stay at home and not meet**. In this way we make sure that the virus is not spread and so we protect the vulnerable, the elderly and the frail most especially but in fact we help everyone.

**While the restrictions apply...
If you have the internet...**

- The parish news sheet will go up every week on the parish web site as usual. Please print off a copy **if you can safely get it to a parishioner** who has no internet or email a copy to anyone who has difficulty with IT
- Our dedicated [Parish & Coronavirus](#) page is updated regularly
- The parish [webcam](#) is on and shows every Mass and other worship in church as it happens.
- Our **Twitter account** provides news about not only the parish but wider events to. And sometimes even something light hearted. @StThosMore
- Do email Fr Stephen with any comments or suggestions or requests for help for yourself or others, and prayer intentions.

If you do not have the internet...

- Please unite yourself in prayer with the worship that is still going on here
- Remember that you can always phone—others may be in touch with you—like all parishioners you're remembered at the altar here daily.

IF YOU NEED HELP OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

Please email a photo or drawing of you and your family (child's work especially welcome) to help fill the now empty pews. Reclaim on that happy day when we meet next!

POPE FRANCIS BLESSING THE WORLD

If you missed, or would like to read again, what Pope Francis said at his remarkable *Urbi et Orbi* blessing on Friday as we face the coronavirus, see [vaticannews.va](#)

FINANCE... *Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort.*

Last week- Main Collection: to be announced at future date after restrictions end.

In 2019 it cost £1571 a week to run the parish ('18 £1669 '17 £1503 '16 £1589 '15 £1510 '14 £1966)



The Sunday Readings

The first reading bears witness to God's ceaseless love of His people—He desires that they have His Spirit and that they live forever! But death is very much

a part of human existence: even Jesus weeps at the death of His friend Lazarus. The Ash Wednesday liturgy reminds us of our mortality: 'Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return'. Many present believed that Jesus could have cured Lazarus and prevented his death. Yet, Jesus works a greater miracle and raises Lazarus from the tomb. A foretaste of Christ's own resurrection and ours. This is the what Jesus promises us, an even greater miracle still for Lazarus will surely die again—he has not been made indestructible—but the final resurrection is eternal. God grant that all who believe in Him may enjoy this eternal Easter Day!

DO YOU, OR ANYONE YOU KNOW, NEED HELP?

We have volunteers, thanks to the SVP, ready to help anyone vulnerable or self isolating who needs shopping or prescriptions or anything else collected. We can make a friendly phone call too, but of course in order to stop the spread of coronavirus, we can't go into peoples' homes.

Find a list of local firms running a delivery service of meals or groceries or both linked on our [coronavirus page](#) on the parish website.

This list comes from a local GP surgery.

Do ask for help if you need it.

THE PARISH HAS JUST CREATED A FACEBOOK PAGE @StThosMore

Please bear with us as we begin to discover the art of a good page...

THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS OUR LADY'S DOWRY

Today, at was has become a very opportune time, England will once again be dedicated as Our Lady's Dowry. This ancient designation reflecting the great love for Mary that was evident all over England until the changes of Henry VIII brought havoc and destruction to centuries of devotion. Today, the inclusion of the Hail Mary at the end of our bidding prayers is a special Papal concession: you will not find it in Europe, for example.

The origin of the title 'Dowry of Mary' goes back to Saxon times, during which, in 1061, Our Lady appeared in Walsingham, Norfolk, to the Lady of the Manor and asked for a copy of the Holy House at Nazareth to be built. Walsingham became a great shrine to the Incarnation, and it is there, today, that the act of rededication will be led.

The most famous dedicating was that of King Richard II, depicted in the Wilton Diptych (a copy in our sanctuary) in which, supported by his patron saints, he comes before Our Lady and her Son. Walsingham has been brought to new life in the last hundred years and the Catholic Shrine today bears witness to the Mary's faith and love as a model for our own, and the reality of God's love and Mary's faith shown in the Incarnation.

We shall perform the act of dedication and personal entrustment at the end of 9am Mass. You may join in livestreaming from Walsingham itself or from St Chad's Cathedral on their own webcams. In this time of pandemic, we ask Mary to be a Mother to us all and lead us to her Son, in whom we find mercy and love.



JIM BALL RIP

It is with sadness that we report the death on Thursday of Jim Ball, a former deputy head of Bishop Ullathorne school, at home in Kenilworth

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: David Warr, Maureen Pearson, Anne, Hilary Hanson, Maria Vaz, Maisie Reddon, Linda McKenna, Rose Green, Fr George Bennett, Hayden Gilks, Mya, Phil Sheridan, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Eileen Connolly, Mark Pearson, Anne Kenny, Cynthia Welton, John Walker, Liam Mee, Helen McDonnell, Teresa Mellon, Carl Smith, Roy Haslam, Beatrice Upham, Felix Rooney, John & Jeanne Gould, Joanne Bazen, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz and all those who are ill.

Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Jim Ball, Michael Brydon, Oliver Muldoon, Canon Peter Taylor, Fr Bob Wright

ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen McMenamin, Philomena McKenna, Donal Warburton, Joyce Ellis, Pat Kenny, Mary Healey, Walter Roche, Ronald Stokes, Seamus O'Malley, James Costello, Bernadette Seale, Margaret Smith, Tom Norris, John Wooderson, Andrew Brogan, Gordon Baker, Isobel Collins, Kevin Price, Joseph Lees, Michael Ward, Jan Zaparaniuk, Christopher King, Evan Williams, Kathleen Brindley, Monica Watson, Dany Butler, Elizabeth Parrott, Peggy Doyle, Jack Garry, Elizabeth Wallace ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- The victims of Coronavirus, for all medical staff, for research into a vaccine and for the end of the pandemic.
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- A good keeping of Lent
- England, all who live here and for the prayers of Our Lady for us all

OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK, PRAY FOR US!

CORONAVIRUS AND ALL NEWS OF THE PARISH

Keep up to date with any news and changes

 **visit the website stmcov.org**

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ARRANGING A

BAPTISMS

Until the restrictions imposed on us due to the coronavirus outbreak are lifted it is simply impossible to celebrate or to make arrangements for baptisms, except in danger of death.

WEDDINGS

It will be possible to make tentative arrangements for weddings that are planned for 2021 or later. What happens later this year remains to be seen, however.

CONFESSION

Confession is always available by appointment and if to take place in church the priest and penitent must use the confessional, separated by a grille and cloth.

FUNERALS

It is allowed to hold a *small* funeral service in the crematorium or at the grave side. Requiem Masses have to be postponed until public worship in church resumes.

EMERGENCIES

Pastoral care in emergencies remains available: the sick and dying may still be anointed, babies in danger of death may still be baptised.

Contact Fr Stephen. DON'T ASSUME HE ALREADY KNOWS ABOUT A PROBLEM BETTER TO BE TOLD TWICE THAN NOT AT ALL!

after Sunday

Otherwise, contact details are on the front of this sheet